15 of the line, 12 frigates, and over 200 transports, you are to assume the rank and fly the flag of Admiral.

17th, on board the *Orient:*

We have been riding at anchor these last three days ready to start, but a strong wind continues to blow from the wrong quarter.

19th, *7 A. M.:*

The frigates are at sea; the convoy is standing out; we are weighing anchor; the weather is lovely.

23d, between Corsica and Elba:

English ships have been reported cruising off Sicily. I cannot believe they are in sufficient force to interfere with our plans.

27th. We have been becalmed these two days, ten leagues from the strait of Bonifacio. Our dispatch boat, *Le Corcyre,* chased an English brig, which was run on to the Sardinian coast and burnt. The crew of this brig speak of an English fleet.

28th, *8 P M.:*

We are carrying full sail and heading for our goal.

June 13th, Malta:

(To the Directoire.) At dawn on the 1 Oth we sighted the island of Gozzo. At night I sent one of my aides-de-camp to ask for the Grand Master's leave to water in the bays of the island. Our consul at Malta brought me his answer, which was a flat refusal. The need of the army was